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## Airpower Summary: 7 – 13 Aug 2011

**QALAT, Afghanistan** -- Firefighters from U.S. Air Forces Central Command's A7, Civil Engineers quick strike team recently set up shop at Forward Operating Base Apache in Qalat, Afghanistan.

Members from the QST, which are from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., are here to provide crash, fire and rescue support (CFR) to lower operational risk management for the C-27 aircraft.

"Currently, ORM only allows for us to fly four flights in 14 days here without crash, fire, rescue on scene," said Maj. Jason Helton, air mobility liaison officer for regional command south. "Now that CFR has arrived, we can land as many planes as we want."

The mission of the C-27 is unique - an Air Force plane, flown and operated by Air Force and Army Guard personnel. The C-27 is able

to land in remote locations, and provide movement of personnel and cargo that a helicopter isn't capable of. In the case of FOB Apache, the C-27 is the means of delivery for supplies and personnel.

"The fact that we can now fly supplies in, means less supply convoys my men will have to run," said Army 1st Sgt. Mark Dasch, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry and native of Pottsville, Pa. "Less convoys mean less casualties. It's that simple."

With the C-27 aircraft being officially operational, it needs approved places to fly in and out of. That's where the QST comes in. In order for a C-27 to fly in and out of the FOB's dirt runway, a CFR team needs to be on call in case something happens.

*To read the complete story and for more photos, visit*

<http://www.afcent.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123268229>.



### AF firefighters deploy to bare base

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Robert Laning directs Staff Sgt. Aaron Scofield, as he off-loads a P-19 fire engine near Forward Operating Base Apache, Afghanistan, August 12, 2011. The C-130 delivered the last of the firefighter's P-19 fire engines. The firefighters are part of a team, deployed to set up crash, fire and rescue at a bare base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Salanitri)

The Combined Forces Air Component Commander's airpower data for the week of 7 – 13 Aug 2011:

<b>Airpower Summary for the week of 7 - 13 Aug 2011</b>								
<b>Close Air Support</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Operation Enduring Freedom</b>	85	93	92	91	83	79	94	617
<b>Operation New Dawn</b>	12	16	14	16	14	15	16	103
<b>Weapons Releases</b>								
<b>OEF</b>	20	10	8	14	9	49	15	125
<b>OND</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ISR</b>								
<b>OEF</b>	96	99	96	100	97	97	99	684
<b>OND</b>	18	20	22	22	21	21	18	142
<b>Combined Data</b>								
<b>Airlift Sorties</b>	173	174	186	180	176	170	170	1,229
<b>Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)</b>	577	620	614	630	819	622	629	4,511
<b>Airlift Passengers</b>	3,261	3,367	4,528	3,990	3,239	3,142	4,132	25,659
<b>Tanker Sorties</b>	64	67	60	66	61	56	64	438
<b>Fuel Offloaded (Thousands of Pounds)</b>	3,233	3,409	3,374	3,371	2,976	3,065	3,599	23,027
<b>Aircraft Refueled</b>	267	260	266	269	260	207	294	1,823
<b>PR/Medivac Sorties</b>	12	20	15	22	19	29	21	138
<b>Saves</b>	6	4	4	4	2	9	2	31
<b>Assist</b>	4	2	6	9	5	12	4	42

(To see the complete CFACC Airpower Statistics, current as of July 31, 2011 please visit:

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